

Claims

1. *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen, and been assigned accession number DSM11918.

2. *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen and been assigned accession number DSM11918, for medical use.

3. A pharmaceutical composition comprising *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen, and been assigned accession number DSM11918, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or diluent.

4. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, characterised in that it also comprises other lactic acid bacteria.

5. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3 comprising  $10^4$  to  $10^{11}$  cfu, preferably  $10^5$  to  $10^9$  cfu, LB931.

6. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3 which is a suspension, spray, gel, cream, powder, capsule or a vaginal insert.

7. An absorbent product, such as a feminine hygiene product, diaper, sanitary napkin, panty guard or an incontinence guard, characterised in that it comprises *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen, and been assigned accession number DSM11918.

8. An absorbent product according to claim 7 comprising  $10^4$  to  $10^{11}$  cfu, preferably  $10^5$  to  $10^9$  cfu, LB931.

9. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5 wherein said pharmaceutical acceptable carrier is skim milk or a lactobacillus growth factor in powder or other form.

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10. Use of *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen, and been assigned accession number DSM11918, for preparing a pharmaceutical composition for preventing and/or treating urogenital infections, such as colonisation of enterobacteria.

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11. Use of *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain LB931, which has been deposited at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen, and been assigned accession number DSM11918, for producing an absorbent article, such as a diaper, sanitary napkin, panty guard or an incontinence guard, suitable for preventing and/or treating urogenital infections, such as colonisation of enterobacteria.

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